

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

USER CHARGES

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8

Erie County Sewer District Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 will hold a Public Hearing on their proposed user charge rates on September 20, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. local time in the Conference Room of the Erie County Sewer District - Northern Region Office, 3789 Walden Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086. At that time, the following information will be considered:

Charges for ratepayers in Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are based on a combination of unit/usage, parcel, assessed valuation, and footage charges. In addition, a system of user charges for high strengths or high volume was adopted for the first time in 1981 in order to meet Federal mandates for user charges and more accurately apportion the cost of sewerage service to the taxpayers. In 2018, the following rates will apply:

COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NOS.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	8
1	Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 day (BOD ₅) \$ per lb. ⁽¹⁾	\$0.1585	\$0.11	\$0.04	\$0.1585	N/A	\$0.15	\$0.04
2	Suspended Solids (SS) \$ per lb.	\$0.2016	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.2016	N/A	\$0.10	\$0.12
3	Phosphorous (as P) \$ per lb. ⁽²⁾	\$0.0328	\$0.74	\$0.71	\$0.0328	N/A	\$0.66	\$0.71
4	Flat usage charge	\$200.00	\$295.00	\$230.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	N/A	\$50.00
5	Flow (water use) \$ per 1000 gallons ⁽³⁾	\$3.50	\$3.45	\$3.05	\$2.55	\$4.50	\$3.88	\$3.50
6	Wastehaulers \$/1000 gal. ⁽⁴⁾	N/A	\$60.00	\$60.00 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(N/A means not applicable)

- (1) Based on CBOD Data
- (2) Based on TP04
- (3) Based on Water Usage, see below
- (4) Properties located within a County Sewer District which in 2018 have septage disposed of by a wastehauler at a County Sewer District facility may apply to the District Office (call 858-6990 for information) for a partial rebate of the wastehauler charges paid, up to one half of the actual District sewer taxes paid.
- (5) Disposal in ECSD No. 3 is only at the Southtowns Sewage Treatment Plant.

Non-residential users discharging below the base levels of normal strength sewage (i.e., BOD₅ = 250 mg/l, suspended solids = 250 mg/l, phosphorous = 5 mg/l), will only be subject to a user charge for flow. All users in ECSD Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 will be subject to a flat usage charge as shown in the table above (4th row). Non-residential users in ECSD Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 exceeding 91,250 gallons per year will be subject to an additional flow charge for that amount

greater than 91,250 gallons. The rate for this additional flow is shown in the 5th row of the table above. For Erie County Sewer District Nos. 6 & 8 all users are charged based on flow (water use). (Water use is used in lieu of sewage flow unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volume).

Property owners will have thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the notice of adoption to appeal this schedule of rates and charges to the Erie County Legislature. Appeals should be sent to the Erie County Legislature, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, Attention: Clerk of the Legislature.

The aforesaid schedule of charges will be collected annually with the regular County Sewer (special) District charges. These aforesaid charges only apply to non-residential users of the sewerage facilities, except as noted in the preceding text.

User charges are due and payable on the same date and time as the general County taxes. Late payment penalties will be assessed in the same manner as the penalties for late payment of the general County taxes.

EFFECTIVE DATE - January 1, 2018

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